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Statement by Representative Gerald E. Connolly
Recognizing The Bode Technology, Group, Inc. of Lorton, Virginia for
receiving the President's "E" Award.

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MR. CONNOLLY:

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Bode Technology Group, Inc., of Lorton, Virginia. The Bode Technology Group received the President's "E" Award today in recognition of its achievements in supporting export growth in the U.S. business community. The "E" Award is the highest honor the Federal Government can give to a U.S. company or organization for exporting or facilitating export activity.

The recognition of Bode for this honor highlights the importance of the President's National Export Initiative (NEI), which aims to double exports over the next five years to support two million American jobs. Given the region's innovative technology base and strong international business community, Northern Virginia especially stands to benefit from the NEI.

Bode, which is located in Virginia's 11th Congressional District, specializes in DNA collection and analysis. It provides services to law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and more than 30 countries worldwide. It also provides critical assistance in identifying victims of mass disasters and missing persons. In addition, Bode has been a partner in helping to reduce human trafficking. Last year, the company was awarded the Virginia Governor's Award for Excellence in International Trade by Governor Tim Kaine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bode Technology Group on this honor and for its leadership on export activities.